

THE TRUE GOSPEL
100 SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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TEACHERS WHO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM ENTERING THE KINGDOM

Mat 23:13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the **KINGDOM OF HEAVEN** against men: for ye neither go in [yourselves], neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

Note: Here is one of Jesus' criticisms of the religious leaders, the Scribes and Pharisees, that they were not seeking to enter God's Kingdom and they also prevented others from entering. How did they do this? (See Note # 9.)

Examine your teachers. Remember that the focus of Jesus' and John the Baptist's teaching in Galilee was to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. The true Gospel shows how we may enter God's Kingdom and receive eternal life. Is the goal of your church to teach you lessons from God's word so that you may grow in godly character and help you to enter his Kingdom? If not, then they, like the Pharisees, may be preventing you from entering it.